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OPGS News

Recap of Public-Private Partnership Conference. *OPGS* held its 10th Annual Public-Private Partnership Conference on May 7 and it was a huge success! 350 people attended our conference at the Washington Convention Center, which offered: welcoming remarks from representatives from the White House, keynote from Robert Egger, 12 different workshop sessions, and a luncheon plenary session on Recovery Act funds. To view some of the PowerPoint presentations and the conference program go to:
<http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view.asp?a=3&q=646957&PM=1>.

Free Training Workshops. *Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* in partnership with the *Foundation Center* will host a series of workshops. *OPGS* invites nonprofit organizations to learn about best practices in fundraising and a board's participation in fundraising. Join *OPGS* for one or more of the following free informative workshops at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC: Before You Seek A Grant: A Checklist for New Nonprofits, June 4, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Room 1114; Introduction to Fundraising Planning, June 18, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Room 1107; and Your Board and Fundraising, June 30, 2009, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Room 1107. Space is limited and registration is required. For further information and to register, contact *OPGS* at (202) 727-8900.

Recovery Act Opportunities

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 - Strengthening Communities Fund - Nonprofit Capacity Building Program. *Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to provide nonprofit organizations serving as project partners, with capacity building training, technical assistance, and competitive financial assistance. The focus of this program is to build the capacity of funded projects' nonprofit partners in order to address the broad economic recovery issues present in their communities, including helping low-income individuals secure and retain employment, earn higher wages, obtain better quality jobs, and gain greater access to state and Federal benefits and tax credits.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations.

Deadline: July 7, 2009.

Funds: \$34,000,000 is available to fund 34 awards up to \$1,000,000.

Information: Thom Campbell at (800) 281-9519 or ocs@lcgnet.com; or go to:
http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-OCS-SI-0091.html#part_7_1.

State Single Point of Contact: This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

GrantID: GD3393

Recovery Act Neighborhood Stabilization Program. *Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)* announces funds to stabilize neighborhoods whose viability has been and continues to be damaged by the economic effects of properties that have been foreclosed upon and abandoned.

Eligibility: State governments and nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: July 17, 2009.

Funds: \$1,980,000,000 is available.

Information: Stanley Gimont at stanley.gimont@hud.gov; or go to: <http://www.hud.gov/recovery/nspg.cfm>.

GrantID: GD3395

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Federal Opportunities

Demonstration and Training Programs-Braille Training Program. *Department of Education (DOE)* announces funds to establish projects that will provide training in the use of Braille for personnel providing vocational rehabilitation services or educational services to youth and adults who are blind.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: June 22, 2009.

Funds: \$200,000 is available to fund 2 awards, ranging from \$75,000-\$100,000.

Information: Theresa DeVaughn at (202) 245-7321 or Theresa.DeVaughn@ed.gov; or go to:

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/pdf/E9-10651.pdf>.

State Single Point of Contact: This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

GrantID: GD3389

Scientific Leadership Awards for Minority Serving Institutions Granting Bachelor Degrees. *Department of Homeland Security (DHS)* supports the development of a coordinated program of education in homeland security related Science, Technology (S&T), Engineering, and Mathematics (HS-STEM) to prepare students for careers in research and development of the technology needed to secure our nation. Moreover, DHS S&T strongly supports the development of a workforce that reflects the population of the U.S.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education.

Deadline: June 25, 2009.

Funds: \$3,800,000 is available to fund 10 awards.

Information: Janet Bailey at (202) 447-0362 or Janet.Bailey@dhs.gov; or go to:

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=6BFwKK6VjwpWmfGLycJv5SWQ0n0LdvvtD6XT6sZJ7XW9hV8cG5Rp!1115390264?oppId=473>.

GrantID: GD3397

Exploring Linkages Between Health Outcomes and Environmental Hazards, Exposures, and Interventions for Public Health Tracking and Risk Management. *Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* announces funds to develop new or improved environmental public health indicators (EPHIs) to build linkages between environmental hazards, human exposures, and public health outcomes. The aim of the research is to develop indicators that can be used for long-term tracking and surveillance of environmental public health, making better informed decisions, and assessing the actual impacts of environmental risk management decisions.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, state governments, private institutions of higher education, and others.

Deadline: August 5, 2009.

Funds: \$3,000,000 is available to fund 5 awards up to \$500,000.

Information: Maggie Breville at (202) 343-9779 or breville.maggie@epa.gov; or go to:

http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2009/2009_star_ephi.html.

GrantID: GD3396

Family Connection Discretionary Grants. *Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to help children who are in or are at-risk of entering into foster care reconnect with family members by developing and implementing grant programs in the areas of kinship navigator programs; programs utilizing intensive family-finding efforts to locate biological family and reestablish relationships; programs utilizing family group decision-making meetings; or residential family treatment programs.

Eligibility: State governments and nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: July 6, 2009.

Funds: \$14,250,000 is available to fund 30 awards, ranging from \$450,000-\$1,000,000. A match is required.

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Information: Cathy Overbagh at (202) 205-7273 or cathy.overbagh@acf.hhs.gov; or go to: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2009-ACF-ACYF-CF-0078.html#part_7_1.

State Single Point of Contact: This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply.

GrantID: GD3392

FY09 Fundamental Research to Improve Understanding of the Accuracy, Reliability, and Measurement Validity of Forensic Science Disciplines. *Department of Justice (DOJ)* announces funds to conduct research to improve the understanding of the accuracy, reliability, and measurement validity in the forensic science disciplines.

Eligibility: City or township governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, private institutions of higher education, for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, and community-based organizations.

Deadline: June 22, 2009.

Funds: \$10,000,000 is available to fund 100 awards up to \$500,000.

Information: Gerald Laporte at (202) 305-1106 or Gerald.Laporte@usdoj.gov; or go to: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/sl000878.pdf>.

GrantID: GD3390

FY09 Strategic Enhancement to Mentoring Programs. *Department of Justice (DOJ)* announces funds to propose research and evidence-based enhancements to mentoring programs based on three strategies: (1) involving the parents and family in activities and services, (2) delivering structured activities and programs for the mentoring matches, and (3) developing training and support for mentors. Research studies and evaluations of best practices have indicated that mentoring programs that provide multiple modes of treatment addressing both individual and environmental characteristics tend to be the most effective.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, private institutions of higher education, nonprofits, and faith- and community-based organizations.

Deadline: June 15, 2009.

Funds: Awards up to \$500,000.

Information: Michael Shader at (202) 616-2605 or michael.shader@usdoj.gov; or go to: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/SEMP.pdf>.

GrantID: GD3387

Service Area Competitions Health Center Program. *Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to support organizations that provide comprehensive primary health care services to an underserved area or population. Funds for operational support for fiscal year FY 2010 under the Health Center Program authorized by section 330 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and others.

Deadline: June 23, 2009.

Funds: \$5,400,000 is available to fund 33 awards.

Information: Nicole Amado at (301) 594-4300 or nicole.amado@hrsa.hhs.gov; or go to: <https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=46287D4B-B115-419A-99DB-D71C7B86D801&ViewMode=EU&GoB>.

GrantID: GD3391

District Opportunities

Arts Education Project Grant. *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCA)* announces funds to support projects that provide students training and exposure in a number of artistic disciplines. Projects should reinforce the importance of the arts as part of quality education, be consistent with current DCPS Content Standards, and address the needs of the targeted community.

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Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, individuals, and community-based organizations.

Deadline: June 29, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Funds: Awards range from \$1,000-\$30,000.

Information: Catherine Cleary at (202) 724-5613 or catherine.cleary@dc.gov; or go to:

http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/dcarts/frames.asp?doc=/dcarts/lib/dcarts/pdfs/fy_2010_guide_to_grants_5-8-09.pdf.

GrantID: GD3399

City Arts Projects. *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH)* announces funds to support programs that encourage the growth of quality arts activities throughout the city, support local artists, and make arts experiences accessible to District residents. Projects must provide exposure to the arts and arts experiences to the broader community or to persons traditionally underserved or separated from the cultural mainstream due to geographic location, economic constraints, or disability. Eligible projects include, but are not limited to: concerts, visual arts exhibitions, literary readings, and salary support to enhance cultural diversity among the staffs of arts organizations in the District.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: June 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Funds: Awards range from \$1,000-\$30,000.

Information: Catherine Cleary at (202) 724-5613 or catherine.cleary@dc.gov; or go to:

http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/dcarts/frames.asp?doc=/dcarts/lib/dcarts/pdfs/fy_2010_guide_to_grants_5-8-09.pdf.

GrantID: GD3401

East of the River Arts Initiative. *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH)* announces funds that focus on arts activities east of the Anacostia River. This grant program strengthens organizational structures, develops audiences, and increases arts presentations east of the river. To be eligible, an organization's operating facility must be east of the Anacostia River (Wards 7 and 8) in the District.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: June 24, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Funds: Awards range from \$5,000-\$20,000.

Information: Ebony Blanks at (202) 724-5613 or ebony.blanks@dc.gov; or go to:

http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/dcarts/frames.asp?doc=/dcarts/lib/dcarts/pdfs/fy_2010_guide_to_grants_5-8-09.pdf.

GrantID: GD3403

Festivals DC. *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH)* announces funds to support arts festivals or festivals with significant arts components that: encourage growth and promote awareness of quality arts activities throughout the city, support local artists, stimulate economic benefits to the community, promote a sense of community identity, and make arts experiences accessible to District residents and visitors.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations that have their principal place of business in DC.

Deadline: June 17, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Funds: Awards range from \$1,000-\$30,000.

Information: Catherine Cleary at (202) 724-5613 or Catherine.Cleary@dc.gov; or go to:

http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/dcarts/frames.asp?doc=/dcarts/lib/dcarts/pdfs/fy_2010_guide_to_grants_5-8-09.pdf.

GrantID: GD3402

Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF) Predevelopment Grant and Project Grant Fund. *Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (ODMPED)* announces funds to finance economic development and neighborhood revitalization in 12 targeted areas in the District: Anacostia, Bellevue, Brookland/Edgewood, Bloomingdale/Eckington, Brightwood/Upper Georgia Avenue, Columbia Heights, Congress Heights, Deanwood Heights, H Street, Logan Circle, Shaw, and Washington Highlands. Funds support predevelopment and project financing activity for the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing, mixed use and community-based facility projects in one or more of the 12 NIF target neighborhoods. Eligible projects include: affordable housing; community facilities; and mixed use projects (commercial/office/community facility/housing (affordable or affordable and market rate)).

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Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations, joint ventures, partnerships, and limited liability arrangements with for-profit developers are permitted only if the non-profit developer has at least 51% management control of the project.

Deadline: July 31, 2009 or until grant funds available are expended, whichever comes first.

Funds: \$5,000,000 is available to fund awards up to \$500,000.

Information: Martin Mellett at (202) 739-9269 or mmellett@lisc.org; or go to:

<http://www.opgs.dc.gov/opgs/cwp/view,a,1316,q,609787.asp>.

GrantID: GD3398

UPSTART Grant Program. *Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCARTS)* supports the development of small to mid-sized arts organizations with budgets between \$100,000 - \$900,000. UPSTART seeks to provide Washington, DC neighborhood community-based arts organizations with funding, intensive leadership education, and training to assist in building financial and operational capacity. This program targets core arts management and administrative functions that include: marketing, information systems, organizational development, human resources and accounting/finance.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations and community-based organizations.

Deadline: June 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

Funds: Awards up to \$100,000.

Information: Victoria Murray at (202) 724-5613 or victoria.murray@dc.gov; or go to:

http://www.dcarts.dc.gov/dcarts/frames.asp?doc=/dcarts/lib/dcarts/pdfs/fy_2010_guide_to_grants_5-8-09.pdf.

GrantID: GD3400

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgs.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

District Agency	Funding Opportunity	Deadline
Office of Victim Services (OVS)	Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program (VOCA)	May 18, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.
Office of Victim Services (OVS)	S*T*O*P Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program	May 18, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.
Office of Victim Services (OVS)	Victim Assistance Fund (VAF)	May 18, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.
Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)	21 st Century Community Learning Centers (21 st CCLC) Program	May 21, 2009, at 4:00 p.m.
Justice Grants Administration (JGA)	FY 2010 Justice Assistance Grant Recovery Act: District of Columbia Juvenile and Criminal Justice Research and Policy Institute	May 22, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.
Justice Grants Administration (JGA)	FY 2010 Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Service and Collaboration Program	May 22, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.
Justice Grants Administration (JGA)	FY 2010 Justice Assistance Grant Recovery Act: Juvenile and Criminal Justice System Data Indicators Program	May 22, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.
Justice Grants Administration (JGA)	FY2010 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant: Juvenile Justice Data Improvements Program	May 22, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.
Department of Health (DOH)	Integrated Community Systems Grant	May 22, 2009

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Community Access to Child Health (CATCH) Planning Funds. *American Academy of Pediatricians* announces funds for pediatricians to plan innovative, community-based initiatives that increase children's access to medical homes or specific health services not otherwise available. These community-based projects shall lead to the development of sustainable projects that can be replicated in other communities.

Eligibility: City or township governments, county governments, individuals, for-profit organizations, nonprofits, and faith- and community-based organizations.

Deadline: July 31, 2009.

Funds: Awards range from \$2,500-\$12,000.

Information: (847) 434-7632 or catch@aap.org, or go to: <http://www.aap.org/catch/planninggrants.htm>.

GrantID: GD3405

Community Grants. *Meyer Foundation* supports organizations that serve the people and communities in the Washington, DC region. Grants are awarded in 10 program areas: arts, heritage, and culture; children, youth, and families; civic engagement; education; employment and skills training; health and mental health; homelessness and hunger; housing and community development; immigrant communities; and law and justice.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline for Letter of Intent: June 5, 2009.

Information: <http://www.meyerfoundation.org/whatwefund/apply>.

GrantID: GD3406

Disabled Veterans Programs. *Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust* announces funds to support organizations that provide long-term programs offering direct assistance to disabled veterans and their families. The Trust's grantmaking interests include ensuring quality health care for veterans, assistance to veterans suffering Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and substance abuse, programs that meet the special needs of veterans with specific disabilities such as amputation or blindness, and shelters for homeless veterans.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: July 20, 2009.

Information: cst@dav.org, or go to: <http://cst.dav.org/Grants/Default.aspx>.

GrantID: GD3404

Announcements and Resources

June 12, DTV Transition Workshops. *DC Public Library in partnership with Radio Shack and the Maryland, DC, and Delaware Broadcasters Association*, is hosting DTV conversion workshops beginning May 13, 2009. Workshops are designed to help residents prepare for the digital television conversion on June 12, 2009. While the federal government has mandated that all full-power television stations begin broadcasting only in digital on June 12, 2009, many local households are not prepared to receive digital signals. Workshops will focus on the benefits of digital television, what people need to do in order to continue receiving over-the-air television broadcasts after the conversion occurs, and how to apply for up to two \$40 government coupons per household to help reduce the costs of obtaining a digital converter box. Workshops schedules are:

May 18, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., and May 21, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

Washington Highlands Neighborhood Library
115 Atlantic Street, SW

June 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. and June 20, 2009, at 3:00 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library
901 G Street, NW

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Apps for Democracy. DC's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) is currently soliciting feedback from all District of Columbia residents regarding the types of technologies they use and what technologies they would like to see used in DC in the future. Their plan is to create a better 311 service request system based on this insight. They have set up a simple insights portal as part of their Apps for Democracy "Community Edition" citizen engagement campaign, and hope that you will spend a minute to submit some insights that will benefit everyone. The insights portal can be accessed at <http://insights.appsfordemocracy.org>. If you know of another organization or individual that might make a valuable addition to this insights collection initiative, please forward this message to them. The full Apps for Democracy website can be found at: <http://www.appsfordemocracy.org>.

Previous Announcements and Resources

2009 EXCEL Award. *The Center for Nonprofit Advancement* is accepting nominations for the *Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman 2009 EXCEL Award*. This award competition spotlights up to 3 nonprofit leaders in the Washington metropolitan area for outstanding nonprofit chief executive leadership. Candidates must show leadership excellence in the areas of innovation, motivation, community building, inclusiveness/diversity, and/or ethical integrity. The competition is open to any chief executive of a Washington-area nonprofit organization with an annual budget of \$10 million and under. Winners receive a \$5,000 professional development account to use in their role as an organization's chief executive. In addition, the winning organization receives a \$2,000 grant to provide professional development opportunities for their staff. Board members, staff members, volunteers, clients, or community members can nominate chief executives. The deadline to submit nominations is June 30, 2009. For further information, go to: http://www.nonprofitadvancement.org/newsletter1852/newsletter_show.htm?doc_id=899420.

2009 MetLife Nuestras Voces National Playwriting Competition. *MetLife Foundation* announces a competition to provide a venue for the discovery of new American plays that address topics and themes relevant to Hispanics in the U.S. Submissions must be original full-length stage plays with a minimum running time of 90 minutes; preference is given to new and/or un-produced works. Scripts may be submitted in either Spanish or English; the winning play will be translated into Spanish. The competition is conducted in two rounds. Finalists in the first round receive a staged reading of their work at Repertorio Español to further develop their scripts. The grand prize winner will receive \$3,000 and a full production at Repertorio Español. Second and third place winners and runners-up will each receive cash recognition. Eligible applicants include individuals. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2009. For further information, go to: <http://www.repertorio.org/opportunities/index.php?area=competitions&id=2>.

5th Annual Technology Innovation Awards (TIA). *NPower Greater DC Region* and *Accenture* recognize nonprofit organizations in the Greater DC area whose innovative use of technology enables them to more effectively fulfill their missions. Applications will be judged by Accenture and a panel of judges from the local business and nonprofit communities. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. Organizations that submitted applications in prior years are eligible to apply again. Finalists will be selected in September 2009 and are invited to deliver a live presentation to the Technology Innovation Awards Judging Panel. The winners will be announced at a Technology Awards Luncheon (date TBD). To learn more about the Awards and get tips on how to write a strong application, register for a free 30 minute Technology Innovation Awards webinar on May 26, 2009. The deadline to submit applications is June 12, 2009. For further information, contact Matthew Coffman at (202) 234-9670 or matthew@npowergdc.org; or go: <http://www.npowergdc.org/tia>.

Encore Careers Opportunity Awards. *The MetLife Foundation/Civic Ventures* recognizes organizations that are finding new ways to engage people over the age of 50 in encore careers, doing work that combines continued income with personal meaning and social impact. Examples of encore career programs include a program that recruits people over age 50 and matches them with flexible schedule jobs in social service and government agencies; a hospital that creates patient counselor jobs and offers seasonal-work positions with full-year benefits to recruit and retain experienced nurses; a school district that pays stipends to experienced adults tutoring students in math and science; and a nonprofit that advances its mission by adding new part-time jobs that attract older adults

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seeking meaningful, flexible work. The deadline to submit nominations is June 1, 2009. For further information, go to: <http://www.civicventures.org/>.

How to Increase Office Productivity Using Free Software. *TWS Consulting* is featured at *GrantStation.com* and is writing an eight-part series that covers everything nonprofits need to know about moving from costly desktop office software to Google's free online office tools suite. The series offers tutorials for getting started with Google – using and configuring Google Mail (Gmail); Google Calendar; and Google Docs, including spreadsheet and presentation functions, as well as a host of other free applications that increase productivity and are fun to learn. The series will show how organizations can make use of free tools to achieve organizational objectives for both novice and experienced computer users. For further information, go to: http://www.grantstation.com/Public/tracks_to_success/free_software/freesoftware1.asp.

Plant a Tree in DC and Earn a \$50 Rebate. *Casey's Trees of Washington, DC and the District Department of the Environment (DDOE)* has teamed up to offer \$50 rebates to individuals who plant a tree on private property in DC. Residents can ask their garden center, arborist, or landscaper about planting the right tree, place selection, and planting instructions. Most trees are eligible. Rebate instructions are as follows: purchase tree; plant it at a residence in DC; pledge to water and care for it for a minimum of two years; and mail signed rebate offer to the Casey Trees by May 31, 2009. For further information, go to: <http://www.caseytrees.org/programs/Rebate2008-2009.html>.

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